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SUB: INVITATION TO AFL-CIO TO ATTEND THIRD CONGRESS OF IRAN
WORKERS' ORGANIZATION APRIL 27-29

1. MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MOHAMMED KARY INFORMED LABOR REPORTING OFFICER APRIL 12 THAT INVITATION HAD BEEN CONVEYED, THROUGH IRANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, TO AFL-CIO TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THIRD CONGRESS OF IRAN WORKERS' ORGANIZATION (IWO) APRIL 27-29, 1976 IN TEHRAN. KARY ADVISED THAT AFL-CIO HAD RESPONDED ON MARCH 24 THAT DUE OTHER PRESSING COMMITMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS FIELD, IT UNABLE TO SEND DELEGATES.

2. KARY STATED THAT PARTICIPATION BY AFL-CIO WOULD QUOTE ADD TO SIGNIFICANCE OF CONGRESS UNQUOTE AND URGED THAT AFL-CIO BE PREVAILED UPON TO CHANGE ITS MIND ON NON-PARTICIPATION. HE SAID LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN SOME TWENTY COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SEND OBSERVERS.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: IWO, PRESENTLY HEADED BY FARAJOLLAH ABKARI, IS CONFEDERATION OF SOME SEVENTEEN LABOR FEDERATIONS AFFILIATED WITH RESURGENCE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE OF IRAN (RASTAKHIZ). PRESENT CONGRESS IS FIRST IWO CONGRESS, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, WHICH WILL HAVE FOREIGN OBSERVERS. WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS FROM SEVERAL COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WILL NO DOUBT BE REPRESENTED. IWO HAS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BUILDING LINKS TO U.S. LABOR

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ORGANIZATIONS BUT HAS RECEIVED CAUTIOUS RESPONSE. SINCE MATTER

OF ATTENDANCE AT CONGRESS HAS NOW BEEN RAISED BY GOVERNMENT OF
IRAN, REQUEST INSTRUCTION AS TO RESPONSE.
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